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Title: AGENT FOR PREVENTING AND CURING ARTERIOSCLEROSIS

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Prior to examination and prior to the calculation of the filing fee, please amend this application as follows:

In the claims:

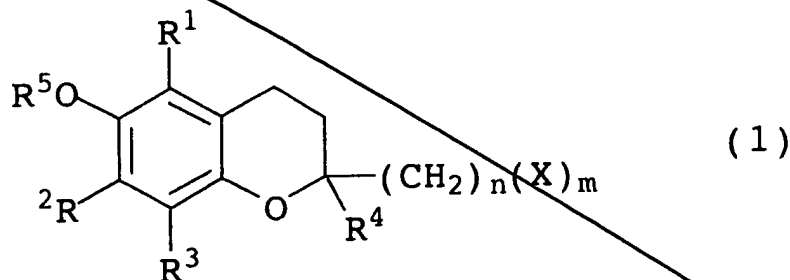
Please amend claims 3 and 4 as follows:

3. (Amended) An agent for preventing and curing arteriosclerosis according to claim 1 [or claim 2], wherein said arteriosclerosis is atherosclerosis.

4. (Amended) An agent for preventing and curing arteriosclerosis according to claim [any of claims] 1 [-3], which is an aqueous preparation.

Please add claims 5-10 as follows:

5. (New) A method for preventing and curing arteriosclerosis, the method comprising administering to a subject an agent having as an active component thereof a chromanol glucoside represented by the following general formula (1)



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